### **Mission**

The Children's Assessment Center, a public/private partnership, shall provide forensic interviews and evidentiary medical examinations to assist in the evaluation of child abuse allegations and coordinate services in a child focused atmosphere, thus reducing the trauma to the child victims and their families.

#### Goals:

- Administer competent, quality, child abuse assessments to child victims.
- ➡ Promote a nurturing atmosphere for children and families.
- ➡ Provide referrals for treatment as necessary.
- Reduce the number of interviews of the child victim/witness, thereby reducing the trauma to the child(ren).
- **♯** Coordinate and network with a multidisciplinary team.

## **Member Agencies**

A public/private partnership between Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and the County of San Bernardino.

## Partner Agencies:

- Department of Children's Services
- Loma Linda University
  Medical Center
- Children's Network
- Thildren's Fund
- **♯** District Attorney
- **♯** County Sheriff's Department
- Public Health
- **I** County Counsel
- **♯** Juvenile Court
- Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- **■** Behavioral Health
- Family Law Court

# Children's Fund Assessment Center



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## Importance of a Multidisciplinary Approach

The multidisciplinary approach protects suspected child victims of abuse from undergoing multiple, duplicative interviews for legal, medical, child protective and clinical purposes.

The Children's Assessment Center offers a one-stop shop, with a child friendly environment where an experienced interview specialist talks with the child while social workers, police officers and other professionals observe through a one way mirror.



Families can meet with a Victim Witness Advocate and receive referrals for therapy and other needed services.

At the Children's Assessment Center, a forensic pediatrician is available to conduct an evidentiary medical examination and provide expert witness testimony in court.



The Children's Assessment Center offers an opportunity for all interested parties to work together while gathering needed information and providing a unified response to the family's needs.



### The Referral Process

The Children's Assessment Center receives referrals from the following sources only:

- # Law Enforcement
- Department of Children's Services
- **♯** Family Law Court

